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Re: U.S. Patent Application No. 09/667,188

Filed: September 21, 2000

Title: **Nucleic Acid Molecules and Other Molecules Associated with Plants**

Inventors: Scott E. ANDERSEN *et al.*

Atty. Docket: 16517.001/38-21(51464)B

Sir:

The following documents are forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO):

1. Appointment of Associate Attorney;
2. Amendment and Response to Office Action dated August 13, 2002; and
3. Return postcard.

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In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned. Applicants do not believe any fees are due in conjunction with this filing. However, if any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17 are required in the present application, including any fees for extensions of time, then the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Arnold & Porter Deposit Account No. 50-2387, referencing matter number 16517.001/51464B. A duplicate copy of this letter is attached.

Respectfully submitted,


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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 13, 2002 (Paper Number 9),
Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel non-elected claims 3-10 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Amended) A substantially purified nucleic acid molecule that encodes a plant protein or fragment thereof comprising a nucleic acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 1.